Misbehaving by aircraft staff

155. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air passengers are misbehaved with by the aircraft staff and treated like cattle;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that such a matter happened recently on a SpiceJet Delhi-Bangkok flight;

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken against the concerned staff to provide the required safety to the passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The Government has not received such complaints. Complaints of airlines are received from passengers regarding missing/lost baggage, refund of tickets in case of delays/cancellations, denial of facilities like wheel chair, meals/snacks in case of delayed flights, etc.

All the airlines have been advised that they should display on their respective websites various facilities offered to the passengers, both free and chargeable, in a conspicuous manner so that passengers are aware of these before booking air tickets.

(b) to (d) At present, Spicejet is operating scheduled services in the domestic sector only.

Monitoring Committee for vanished companies

†156. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Coordination and Monitoring Committee has been constituted for investigation into the cases of vanished companies and their operators and for supervision of progress about action taken against them;

(b) if so, the number of such companies and their operators against whom action has been taken so far; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the amount recovered till date from them?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) No, Sir. However, A Central Coordination and Monitoring Committee, co-chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Company Affairs and Chairman, SEBI has been set up to look into issues relating to vanishing companies and their promoters and to monitor the progress of action taken against them.

(b) The Government has taken following action against companies identified as vanishing and their Promoters/Directors:

(i) filing of FIRs in respect of 102 companies and their Promoters/ Directors for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 406, 403, 415, 418 & 424 of the the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

(ii) filing of prosecutions under provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 in respect of 107 out of a total of 114 companies, which remain identified as vanishing companies as on date.

(iii) SEBI has debarred 100 companies and 378 directors u/s 11B of the SEBI Act from raising money from the Capital Market in any form, for a period of five years.

(c) Besides taking action as stated under (b) above, Petitions have also been filed with the Company Law Board (CLB) under Sections 397/398/ 402/408 read with Section 406 of the Companies Act, 1956 in respect of two Vanishing Companies to disgorge the properties/monies from the Promoters/Directors of these two Vanishing Companies. The Company Law Board has dismissed the Petition in case of M/s. Nuline Glassware (India) Ltd. (presently known as M/s. Pur Opale Creations Ltd.) against which the Ministry has filed an appeal before the Gujarat High Court. The other case of M/s AVI Industries Ltd. is pending for adjudication by the Company Law Board.

Development of Buddhist sites/monuments in Orissa

157. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has handed over the famous Buddhist site at Langudi hillock to the ASI for its conservation;